

County of Los Angeles – Department of Mental Health  
**OFFICE OF THE MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION**  
 November 20, 2020  
 Meeting Minutes  
 Kevin Acebo, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair, Presiding  
**Motion by Commissioner 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner**  
**Minutes approved:**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>
<b>Call to Order</b>
<p><b>Call to order</b> – 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair, Kevin Acebo</p> <p>a. Roll Call – <i>Commission Staff</i>          Present: Commissioners Susan Friedman, Reba Stevens, Stacy Dalglish, Kevin Acebo, Judy Cooperberg, Harold Turner, Mike Molina, Patrick Ogawa, Imelda Padilla-Frausto, and Kathy Cooper-Ledesma – <b>QUORUM PRESENT</b>          Absent: Brittney Weissman and Luis Orozco</p> <p>b. Approve October 22 Meeting Minutes: Minutes approved by unanimous vote with one abstention. Motion to approve by Molina, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ogawa</p>
<b>II. Non-Agenda Public Comments</b>
<b>Patricia Russell</b> – Spoke about inadequate medical treatment and false information provided with son’s hospitalization
<b>Roque Bucton</b> – Access UsCC – Spoke of issues pertaining to UsCC exclusion from Promotores. Will send copy of letter to MHC.
<b>Bianca Gallegos</b> – Latino UsCC Co-Chair – spoke about modifications needed on the Promotores job applications, it is too bureaucratic.
<b>Osbee Sangster</b> –Speaking on behalf; of the Black Los Angeles County Client Coalition. Today; in some noticeable respect, I will emphasize the initial interaction at the Virtual Mental Health Commission (Retreat) Meeting on October 30. <i>We haven't yet received the Mental Health Commission answer re: Written public comment acts by submission to the LAC-Mental Health Commission. <b>Asking the Commission to acknowledge and confirm receipt of (all) written public comment(s) verbally before; the Mental Health Commission meeting adjournment, paralleled with the staff recipient(s) to correspond and confirm receipt via email.</b> Thereby; Written public comment given by the people of the Greater Los Angeles County to be implemented inasmuch by the Mental Health Commission stakeholders entries; input; for or against any proposed administrative action affecting mental health, health, wellness, and or public policy.</i>
<b>Pete Thompson</b> – Therapy content in treatments in Los Angeles communities have PTSD issues and triggers child sex abuse. Therapy needs to address this issue more often.
<b>III. Department of Mental Health Update</b>
<b>Dr. Curly Bonds, Chief Medical Officer Update</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New Supervisor – Second District 2, Holly Mitchell</li> <li>• Intensive Care Division &amp; Emergency Outreach Triage Division now under the direction of Dr. Amanda Ruiz, Interim Director</li> <li>• All supervisorial districts are initially focusing on access to care and PPE distribution</li> <li>• Ten therapeutic transport vans ready to roll out January 1, 2021</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Countywide Information Hub – Linking county clients’ records across agencies, e.g., social services (DPSS, WDACS, DCFS), housing (LASHA), justice (Sheriff, Probation, Courts), health (DHS), mental health (DMH). 125,500 received services from DMH, 53,200 received homeless services from LASHA, 768,000 interact with justice system during 2015-2019.</li> <li>• See link for more detailed information</li> </ul>
<b>Budget Update</b> – Kim Nall, DMH Finance Manager

## DISCUSSION

Ms. Nall presented power point slides on the current budget on the 5 MHSA components, projections from state, adjustments to tax returns, and prudent reserves.

CSS - Community Services and Supports largest component has mental health care for all age groups

PEI - Prevention and Early Intervention services to engage individuals before they develop serious mental illness

WET - Workforce Education and Training provides training needs for directly operated and contract agency staff

CFI - Capital Facilities & Innovation dollars to develop new or improve buildings

INN – Innovations dollars limited to one-time projects

MHSA budget allocations received annually are available on slides -- see link

**Action** – Please provide the estimate of county surplus for end of FY (Molina). And projected budget surplus on state level (Acebo)

### IV. Reports from Community Co-Chairs (SALTS & UsCC & CCC)

#### SALT 4 - Esiquio Reyes

Homeless receive funds for food from SNAP. The amount is too low it tortures the minds of those sleeping on the streets. Three things all humans need; nutrient consumption, sleep, and place to store personal items.

#### ACCESS UsCC – Roque Buctom

Accessibility to care is weak.

#### Latino UsCC - Bianca Gallegos

Announced the Latino UsCC members are reaching out to communities via the press. Promotores needs to expand and employment.

#### SALT 3 - Andrew Preston, Co-Chair (via email)

With the Covid numbers rising and individuals in the greater San Gabriel Valley we focused at continuing to strengthen the safety net. Our presenters for November revolved around linkage. Unite Us shared information on their free coordinated care network, a shared technological platform that allows providers to work together and get real time support. We also had Site Professionals which discussed staff of psychiatrist who are cultural appropriate for diverse community of San Gabriel Valley

#### SALT 1 - Jean Harris, Co-Chair

- Focus on MHSA3-year plan to engage members to understand MHSA plan first to be able to provide input and address gaps. What disparities exist and to be more involved in community planning. Communicate with other SALTS. Technology issues continue to impact member attendance and telehealth. Members voted to support a nonprofit to amp current resources in AV. Looking for funding to serve juvenile suicide in the AV

### V. Commission Business

#### a. Project Updates – Commissioner Dalgleish

- i. Site Visits – Visited Project Roomkey program at LA Grand Hotel, Downtown LA. Salvation Army representatives provide case management to 600 residents, no COVID19 outbreaks
- ii. Annual Report – Annual report draft is completed will send to MHC next week.
- iii. Data Notebook – Data notebook is near completion; next step is finalizing reviews on telehealth

#### b. Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) – Commissioner Turner

## DISCUSSION

- The AOT meeting is reconstituted, the group met November 2, 2020. Group discussed current stats from FY 19-20 regarding referrals. 13% from families, 7% from law enforcement, 80% from providers. Members asked UCLA to re-engage establishing a new baseline in light of services and continue their evaluation of the AOT program. Next meeting is January 26, 2021. AOT group wants to continue its effort to meet quarterly and move forward with reports produced by AOT available online for the public.

### c. Report on Priorities

- i. Criminal Justice – team met with alcohol and drugs commission, discussed dual diagnosis to make firm recommendations to BOS. Commissioner Acebo represents the MHC on the Civilian Oversight Committee to focus on Measure R.  
**Action:** Encouraged MHC to convene Measure J as standing agenda item for discussion.
- ii. Homeless – Commissioner Stevens participates in a Project Roomkey project 100-day challenge. She gave an update on the status of the workgroup. Over 6000 served, few have permanent housing. The group is looking into shared housing and attending housing and employment fairs for resources.
- iii. Integrated Care Services/Cultural Competency – Ogawa  
**Action** – Provide any handouts or slides before MHC meetings so that the material can be reviewed prior to the meeting. Tease out information addressing Integrated Care from the SALTs and UsCCs.
- iv. COVID19 Disparities – Dagleish and Turner – no update
- v. Budget Accountability – Molina and Cooperberg plan to meet with DMH finance manager to get sound info for this year and next year MHSa review-- specific allocations by service area, gap analysis in terms of resources by service area, where to focus on expansion and beefing up services

### d. Measure J General Discussion

**Action:** Staff provide Measure J language to inform MHC what states are doing.

### e. Data Oversight – Commissioner Padilla-Frausto

- Speak with each subgroup in priority areas, view publicly available data. What specific issues the county gathers data on, review data that identifies specific needs assessments and gaps.

## VI. Public Comments

**Patricia Russell** – Update on SALT 2 meeting – Presentation from Jeremy Martinez, DMH Co-Occurring staff on co-occurring cross training

**Jamie Garcia** – Hospitals are seeing more COVID19 cases and lots are seeking care outside of LA County. Continuum of care is not effective.

**Jean Harris** – Disparities among AOT, CLT, and other subgroups

**Mark Karmatz** – Announced job availability at Project Return in SA 8, 6 & 4

**Esiquio Reyes** – Need to focus on the medical staff that speeds up the process of mental health.

**Esiquio Reyes** – Workers are impacted on the realization of why people are homeless through conversations with the residents.

## VII. Adjournment - Motion to adjourn made by Ogawa 2<sup>nd</sup> by Friedman

**Next Meeting – Friday, December 18, 2020 – Microsoft Teams (Online Virtual) @ 11 am**